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Collier: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Commander (later Vice-Admiral Sir) [illegible] Collier, R.N. (1783-1849); entered Navy 1795; commanded Princess Charlotte, 24th Nov. 1813; present at Oswego where he commanded the Magnet; Post-Captain, 19th November, 1814; appointed to superintend the building of frigate at Penetanguishene; returned to England, 1816; Vice-Admiral 1847; K.C.H. 1830.

Conran: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major-General Henry Conran; Ensign 4th Reg't, Oct. 4, 1780; Lieut. Col. of 1st Reg't, 1807; Lieut.-General, 1825; appointed to command brigade [illegible] and [illegible] in Upper Canada, June 1, 1814; Lieut. Gov. of Jamaica, 1818; died July 21, 1829 aged 62.

Cunliffe: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Capt. Chas. Cunliffe Owen, R.N.; entered Navy 1803; Lieutenant, 1809; appointed to Great Lakes 1813; as Lieutenant he [illegible] Wolfe; Lieutenant commanding the Sir Sidney Smith in action of Sept. 10, 1813; present at French Creek, Nov. 1813; appointed acting Commander Gunboat Establishment, May 13, 1814, vice Mulcaster promoted; invalided May 1815; retired Captain, Feb. 26, 1856.

Deathdealer: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

De Rottenburg: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major General Francis, Baron de Rottenburg, K.C.H.; in 1810 appointed to command of troops in Montreal district; in 1813 in command of troops in Upper Canada and, as Administrator of the province 1813, and 1814 commanded left division of the army in Canada; Lieut. General, 1819; d. April 24, 1832.

De Watteville: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major General Abraham Louis Charles de Watteville; on Army Staff in 1812-14; went on half pay, 1816.

Dinghy: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; so-called from position in group, principal islands in which are named after vessels and also from proximity to Barge, "Gig," &c., islands.

Dobbs: island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut. Alex. T. Dobbs, R.N.; May 26, 1813, promoted from Lieut. of Wolfe (21) to acting-commander of Moira (14); promoted to Commander Feb. 14, 1814; commanded Charwell (formerly Moira) at Oswego; later commanded Star (14) and was leading spirit in capture of Ohio and Somers on L. Erie.

Downie: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Commander George Downie, R.N.; transferred from command of Montreal on L. Ontario to command of Confiance on L. Champlain; killed in action on L. Champlain, Sept. 11, 1814.

Dumfounder: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

Endymion: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after the Endymion, a gunboat on the Great lakes in 1812-14.

Everard: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain [illegible] Everard, Lieut. 4th Reg't; appointed Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General on Army Staff in Canada Oct. 28, 1814.

Fiddlers Elbow: channel, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; so-called because the channel makes a very sharp turn at this point.

Fisher: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Commander Peter Fisher, R.N., who was transferred Aug. [illegible] 1814, from command of Confiance on L. Champlain to the Montreal at Kingston.

Fort Wallace: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; see Wallace island.

Gates: island, St. Lawrence river, Pittsburgh, Frontenac, Ont.; after W. Gates, some time owner of the island.

Gig island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.: after ship's boat, name suggested by position in group named after fleet on Great lakes, 1812-14.

Gordon island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: possibly after Commander James Alexander Gordon, R.N.; only son of Rear-Admiral Sir Jas. A. Gordon, K.C.B.; entered Navy 1805, Lieut. [illegible] on Niagara 38, Capt. William Sanders, on the Great lakes, Sept. [illegible] d. 1845.

Goulburn island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.: after Henry Goulburn (1784-1856), who in 1814, as Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, signed the Treaty of Ghent, on behalf of Great Britain.

Grenadier island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.: after the famous British Grenadier regiment.

[illegible] island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: on May 1, 1815, Capt. [illegible] R.N. commanded the naval force on L. Huron consisting of the *Surprise* (1) and *Confiance* (2).

Hamilton island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.: probably after Hon. Henry Hamilton, Lieutenant-Governor of Canada for one year 1785.

Harvey island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.: after Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Harvey (1778-1852), in 1812 appointed Deputy Adjutant General to the army in Canada, took part in actions at Black Rock Dec. 30, 1813, Oswego, Lundy's Lane, Fort Erie and Stoney Creek, 1813; was Governor of New Brunswick, of Newfoundland and of Nova Scotia, 1846-52; K.C.B. 1838, Lieut. General, 1846; d. 1852.

Hickey island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: after Commander F. Hickey, R.N., commanding the *Prince Regent* (56) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14.

Horseshoe island, west of Wolfe island, Frontenac, Ont.: so-called because the outline of the island resembles a horseshoe.

Howe island, St. Lawrence river, Frontenac, Ont.: after General William Howe, 5th Viscount Howe (1729-1814), led the forlorn hope of 24 men who forced the entrenched path by which Wolfe's force scaled the heights of Abraham Sept. 13, 1759; in 1775, succeeded Gage as Commander-in-Chief in America, commanded at Bunker Hill, 1775, and gained victories of Long Island and White Plains (1776), Brandywine and Germantown (1777).

Ingall island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.: probably after Lieut. Ingall who, in 1828, made an exploration of the country between the St. Maurice and Saguenay.

Johnson bay, Howe island, St. Lawrence river, Frontenac, Ont.: probably named after Major General Sir John Johnson, only son of the famous General Sir William Johnson; commanded a regiment of two battalions during the Revolutionary war; later Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in Canada; died 1830.

Lake Fleet, group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: so-called because a number of the islands composing the group are named after vessels that formed the British fleet on the Great lakes and on L. Champlain during the war of 1812-14.

Lyndoch island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: after Gen. Thomas Graham, Lord Lynedoch (1748-1843), next in command to Wellington in Peninsular war and distinguished himself at Barossa, Ciudad Rodrigo, Vittoria &c.

McCoy island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; in Sept. 1814, J. E. McCoy was Master of the [illegible] on L. Champlain.

McNair island, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Col. McNair commanding the [illegible] Reg't during the war of 1812-14.

Melville island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Robert Saunders Dundas, second Viscount Melville (1771-1851), in 1812, appointed first Lord of the Admiralty, which office he held for fifteen years.

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Mulcaster island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain Sir Wm. Howe Mulcaster (1785-1837); in May, 1813, was appointed to command the *Princess Charlotte*; commanded at French Creek, Nov. 1, 1813; commanded *Royal George* and severely wounded at Oswego, May 6, 1814; invalided 1814; Post Captain, 1814; C.B. 1815; knighted 1831.

Murray island, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut.-Col. John Murray, 100th Reg't, appointed Inspecting Field Officer in Lower Canada, July 1812; commanded attacks on Fort George and Fort Niagara (wounded); later C.B. and Lieut.-General; died Feb. [illegible] 1832.

Myers island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut.-Col. Christopher Myers, 70th Reg't, Acting Quartermaster General, army sent to Canada, [illegible]; in command at Kingston, Apr. [illegible], 1813; wounded at Fort George, May 27, 1813; Colonel, 1814; C.B. 1815; died, 1817.

Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; so-called because a number of the islands composing the group are named after naval officers who distinguished themselves during the war of 1812-14.

Number Ten island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.: so-called from narrow steamboat channel between the island and mainland.

Netley island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river (Leeds, Leeds, Ont.); after the Netley (?) schooner—formerly the General Beresford—launched at York, U.C., July 1808; in May, 1813, carried only [illegible] guns, was commanded by Lieut. Spence and formed part of the L. Ontario fleet.

Niagara island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; in May 1814, the Niagara (22)—formerly the Royal George, 340 tons, commanded by Capt. F. B. Spilsbury sailed from Kingston in Sir James Yeo's fleet on May 1, 1814; she was reported as 'laid up' and housed in Navy Bay, Kingston; launched at Kingston, U.C., July 1809.

Niddery islands, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; the Nidd is a small river in Yorkshire, Eng. and its valley is called Nidderdale; possibly Niddery is a corruption of the latter; possibly after a gunboat on Great lakes, war of 1812-14.

[illegible] island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat, war of 1812-14.

O'Conor island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Commander Sir Richard James Lawrence O'Conor, R.N.; Flag Captain of Prince Regent on L. Ontario, May 6, 1814, present at Oswego; [illegible] K.C.H. 1835; retired Rear Admiral 1846.

Otty island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut. Allan Otty, R.N. who commanded the Star (14) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14; commanded Montreal and Charwell during 1814 and 1815; retired Captain 1846.

Owen island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Captain Charles Cunliffe (q.v.) Owen, R.N.; probably after Commodore Sir E. W. C. R. Owen, R.N., also, q.v., who, in 1815, commanded the naval forces on L. Champlain and the Great Lakes.

Peel island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir Robert Peel, (1788-1850), noted English statesman; Secretary for Ireland, 1812-18; Prime Minister 1834-35 and 1841-46.

Pinery island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably from the occurrence on the island of the pitch pine (Pinus Strobus).

Popham island, [illegible] group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain Stephen Popham, R.N. (1780-1842); was in the Orion (74) in the expedition against Copenhagen; in the Montreal (20) assisted at the capture of Oswego, 1814.

Prince Alfred island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after the late Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh (1844-1900), second son of Queen Victoria.

Princess Charlotte island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; in May 1814 the Princess Charlotte, frigate (42) commanded by Capt. Wm. Howe Mulcaster, formed part of Sir James Yeo's fleet; launched at Kingston, U.C., Apr. 14, 1814.

Psyche island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after the Psyche (56), on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14; her frames were sent out from England; launched at Kingston Dec. 25, 1814.

Ramsden island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Jesse Ramsden (1735-1800), an English manufacturer of mathematical instruments and the inventor of an improved eye-piece, known as "Ramsden's eye-glass."

Rich island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain Charles Rich, R.N.; entered Navy, 1805; in 1814 appointed to St. Lawrence (102) as Flag-Lieutenant to Sir E. W. C. R. Owen on Great lakes; May 24, 1815 appointed to command of gunboats on the St. Lawrence; Commander 1816; Captain 1865.

Robinson island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Hon. Fred. John Robinson (1782-1859), Lord of the Admiralty, 1812-17; Viscount Goderich 1827; Earl of Ripon 1833.

[illegible] island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont. [illegible]

Rolleston island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut. James Rolleston, R.N., b. 1791; entered Navy 1804; present in Pompée (74) at defence of Gaeta, capture of Capri, battle of Maida, 1806, &c.; served in Persian [illegible] Mediterranean, Newfoundland, the lakes, &c., 1812-15.

Rowley island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Lieutenant Edward Rowley, R.N. who served on the Great lakes or L. Champlain in the war of 1812-14.

Royal island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably from proximity to Prince Alfred island q.v.; possibly after the Royal George, (or the Niagara q.v.).

St. Lawrence island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after the St. Lawrence, ship of the line 2,305 tons, 102 guns, launched at Kingston, U.C., Sept. 10, 1814.

Scorpion island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after the Scorpion, formerly the U.S.S. Scorpion, captured on Lake Huron, Sept. 6, 1814.

Sheaffe island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after General Sir Roger H. Sheaffe (1763-1851); also assumed command of forces at Queenston after the death of Brock; was Administrator of Upper Canada, 1812-13.

Sherbrooke: islands, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir John Coape Sherbrooke (1764-1830), Governor General of Canada in 1816.

Simcoe: island, west of Wolfe island, Frontenac, Ont.; after Lieut.-Gen. John Graves Simcoe (1752-1806), first Governor of Upper Canada, 1791-96; had extensive surveys made and encouraged immigration, particularly of United Empire Loyalists.

Sisters: islands, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; so-called from their resemblance to each other.

[illegible]: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Brt. Major Henry [illegible], 19th L.D., appointed Major of Brigade in Canada, Aug. 26, 1813.

Sparrow: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major E. P. Sparrow, 1st Regt., appointed Ass't Adjutant General in Canada, Aug. 26, 1813.

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Spilsbury: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Capt. Francis Brockell Spilsbury, R.N., in command of schooner [illegible], Aug. 10, 1813, commanded the *Prevost* at Sackets Harbour, was present in actions off Burlington, Sept. 28, 1813, and at French Creek, Nov. 1, 1813. Captain commanding [illegible], May [illegible], 1814, present at Oswego, May 6, 1814.

Stovin: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major General Richard Stovin, commanded Montreal district during war of 1812-14, was present at Fort Erie sortie.

[illegible]: islands, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; from position in Lake Fleet group and in vicinity of [illegible].

Troughton: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Troughton and Simms, famous instrument manufacturers, London, Eng.

Twin Sisters: islands, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; from their striking resemblance to each other.

Van Buren: island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Martin Van Buren (1782-1862), eighth President of the United States.

Vansittart: island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Vice-Admiral Vansittart; he was present at the capture of Cape of Good Hope, came to Canada in 1834 and settled near Woodstock, Ont. In 1821 the Right Hon. Nicholas Vansittart was Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Victoria: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Her Majesty Queen Victoria (1819-1901).

Wallace: island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Thomas Wallace, Baron Wallace of Knaresdale, (1768-1844), cr. February 1828, Lord of the Admiralty, 1797-1800, sometime M.P. for Penryn; 1814, mar. Jane, dau. of John, 2nd Earl of Hopetoun and widow of Henry, 1st Viscount Melville.

Willoughby: island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Commander James [illegible] Willoughby, R.N., entered Navy [illegible], served as mate on the [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] of the Great Lakes [illegible] on the [illegible] N.A. and W.I. station, 1845-49 [illegible] on the Great lakes; received thanks of Royal Humane Society 1837, for rescuing crew of vessel wrecked on [illegible] Lake Ontario.

Yorke: island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Rt. Hon. Charles Philip Yorke, 2nd son of Philip, 2nd Earl of Hardwicke, First Lord of the Admiralty 1810, b. 1764.

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Aspasia island, St Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont, probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

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Bagot island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont, after Sir Charles Bagot, 1781-1843, negotiated with Rush agreement between Great Britain and United States, respecting limitation of vessels of war on the Great lakes. Governor-General of Canada, 1841-43.

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Cockburn island, St Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont. after Admiral Sir George Cockburn, R.N. (1772-1853) actively engaged in war of 1812-14 was present at taking of Washington

Collier island Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont. after Commander later Vice-Admiral, Sir Edward Collier R.N., (1783-1872) entered Navy 1796 commanded *Princess Charlotte* 16th Nov 1813 present at Oswego when he commanded the *Magnet* Post-Captain 16th November 1814 appointed to superintend the building of a frigate at Penetanguishene returned to England, 1818 Vice-Admiral, 1857 K.C.B., 1865.

Conran island, Brock group, St Lawrence river Elizabethtown Leeds, Ont. after Major-General Henry Conran; Ensign in 49th Reg't. Oct 4 1780 Lieut Col of 1st Reg't 1807 Lieut General, 1825 appointed to command brigade (6th and 82nd) in Upper Canada, June 11 1814 Lieut Gov of Jamaica, 1826 died July 17 1829 aged 82.

Cunliffe island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river Lansdowne, Leeds Ont. after Capt. Chas. Cunliffe Owen, R. N entered Navy, 1801 Lieutenant, 1808 appointed to Great lakes fleet, 1813 as Lieutenant on the *Wolfe* Lieutenant commanding the *Sir Sidney Smith* in action of Sept 28 1813 present at French Creek Nov 1 1813 appointed acting Commander Gunboat Establishment, Mar 28, 1814, vice Mulcaster promoted invalided Mar 1815 retired Captain Feb. 24, 1856.

Deathdealer island, Lake Fleet group, St Lawrence river Leeds Leeds, Ont. probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14

De Rottenburg island, Brock group, St Lawrence river Elizabethtown Leeds, Ont after Major General Francis, Baron de Rottenburg, K.C.H. in 1812 appointed to command of troops in Montreal district in 1813 to command of troops in Upper Canada and as Administrator of the province 1814 and 1815, commanded left division of the army in Canada Lieut.-General, 1819 d., April 24, 1832

De Watteville island, Brock group St. Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont after Major General Abraham Louis Charles de Watteville on Army Staff in 1812-14 went on half pay 1816

Dinner island, Lake Fleet group St Lawrence river Leeds, Ont. so-called from position in group principal islands in which are named after vessels and also from proximity to Barge, Gig, &c., islands.

Dobbs island, St Lawrence river Leeds, Ont. after Lieut Alex T Dobbs, R.N. May 25, 1813 promoted from Lieut of *Wolfe* (23) to acting-commander of *Moira* (10) promoted to Commander Feb 14, 1814 commanded *Charwell* (formerly *Moira*) at Oswego later commanded *Star* (14) and was moving spirit in capture of *Ohio* and *Somers* on L. Erie.

Downie island Navy group, St. Lawrence river Lansdowne, Leeds Ont. after Commander George Downie, R.N. transferred from command of *Montreal* on L. Ontario to command of *Confiance* on L. Champlain killed in action on L. Champlain, Sept 11, 1814

Dumfounder island Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river Leeds, Leeds, Ont probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

Endymion island Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds Ont after the *Endymion*, a gunboat on the Great lakes in 1812-14.

Everest island Brock group St Lawrence, Elizabethtown Leeds, Ont after Captain [illegible] H Everest Lieut 6th Reg't appointed Deputy Assistant Adjutant-General on Army Staff in Canada, Oct. 25, 1814.

Fiddlers Elbow, channel, St Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds, Ont. so-called because the channel makes a very sharp turn at this point

Fisher island Brock group, St. Lawrence river Elizabethtown Leeds, Ont. probably after Commander Peter Fisher R.N. who was transferred Aug. 30, 1814, from command of *Confiance* on L. Champlain to the *Montreal* at Kingston

Fort Wallace island Lake Fleet group St Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds Ont. see Wallace island.

Gates island, St Lawrence river, Pittsburgh, Frontenac Ont. after W Gates, some time owner of the island.

Gig: island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.: after ship's boat, name suggested by position in group named after fleet on Great lakes 1812-14.

Gordon: island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: possibly after Commander James Alexander Gordon, R.N., only son of Rear-Admiral Sir Jas. A. Gordon, K.C.B.; entered Navy 1820; Lieut. (add'l) on *Niagara* (22), Capt. Williams Sandom, on the Great lakes, Sept. 17 1838; d. 1847.

Goulburn: island, St Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.: after Henry Goulburn (1784-1856); in 1814, as Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, signed the Treaty of Ghent, on behalf of Great Britain.

Grenadier: island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.: after the famous British Grenadier regiment.

Hambly: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; on May 1, 1816, Capt. P. A. Hambly, R.N. commanded the naval force on L. Huron consisting of the *Surprise* (1) and *Confiance* (2).

Hamilton: island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.: probably after Henry Hamilton, Lieutenant-Governor of Canada for one year 1785.

Harvey: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont., after Lieut.-Gen. Sir John Harvey (1778-1852); in 1812 appointed Deputy Adjutant General to the army in Canada; took part in actions at Black Rock Dec 30 1813, Oswego, Lundys Lane, Fort Erie and Stoney Creek 1813; was Governor of New Brunswick, of Newfoundland and of Nova Scotia, 1846-52; K.C.B. 1838; Lieut. General, 1841; d 1852.

Hickey: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: after Commander F. Hickey, R.N., commanded the *Prince Regent* (58) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14.

Horseshoe: island, west of Wolfe island, Frontenac, Ont., so-called because the outline of the island resembles a horseshoe.

Howe: island, St Lawrence river, Frontenac, Ont.: after General William Howe, fifth Viscount Howe (1729-1814); led the forlorn hope of 24 men who forced the entrenched path by which Wolfe's force scaled the heights of Abraham Sept. 13, 1759; in 1775, succeeded Gage as Commander-in-Chief in America; commanded at Bunker Hill, 1775, and gained victories of Long Island and White Plains (1776), Brandywine and Germantown (1777).

Ingall: island, St Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Lieut. Ingall who, in 1828 made an exploration of the country between the St. Maurice and Saguenay.

Johnson: bay, Howe island, St. Lawrence river, Frontenac, Ont.; probably named after Major General Sir John Johnson, only son of the famous General Sir William Johnson; commanded a regiment of two battalions during the Revolutionary war; later, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in Canada; died 1830.

Lake Fleet: group, St Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: so-called because a number of the islands composing the group are named after vessels that formed the British fleet on the Great lakes and on L. Champlain during the war of 1812-14.

Lynedoch: island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Gen. Thomas Graham, Lord Lynedoch (1748-1843); next in command to Wellington in Peninsular war and distinguished himself at Barossa, Ciudad Rodrigo, Vittoria, &c.

McCoy: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; in Oct. 1815, J. E. McCoy was Master of the *Champlain*, on L. Champlain.

McNair: island, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Col McNair commanding the 90th Reg't during the war of 1812-14.

Melville: island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont., after Robert Saunders Dundas, second Viscount Melville (1771-1851); in 1812 appointed first Lord of the Admiralty, which office he held for fifteen years.

Mermaid: island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.: after the *Mermaid*, a gunboat on the Great lakes during 1812-14.

Mulcaster: island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: after Captain Sir Wm. Howe Mulcaster (1785-1837); in Mar., 1813, was appointed to command the *Princess Charlotte*; commanded at French Creek, Nov. 1, 1813; commanded *Royal George* and severely wounded at Oswego May 6, 1814; invalided 1814; Post Captain 1813; C.B. 1815; knighted, 1831.

Murray: island, St Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.: after Lieut.-Col. John Murray, 100th Reg't; appointed Inspecting Field Officer in Lower Canada July 15, 1811; commanded attacks on Fort George and Fort Niagara (wounded); later C.B. and Lieut.-General; died Feb. 11, 1832.

Myers: island, St Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.: after Lieut.-Col. Christopher Myers, 70th Reg't; Acting Quartermaster-General, Army Staff in Canada, Aug. 13-Oct. 30, 1812; in command at Kingston Apr. 28, 1813; wounded at Fort George, May 27, 1813; Colonel 1814; C.B., 1815; died 1817.

Navy: group, St Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.: so-called because a number of the islands composing the group are named after naval officers who distinguished themselves during the war of 1812-14.

[illegible] Erf: island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.: so-called from narrow steamboat channel between the island and mainland.

NETLEY; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Netley* (16) schooner—formerly the *General Beresford*—launched at York, U.C., July, 1812; in May, 1814, carried only 6 guns, was commanded by Lieut. Spence and formed part of the L. Ontario fleet.

NIAGARA; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; in May, 1814, the *Niagara* (22)—formerly the *Royal George*—340 tons, commanded by Capt. F. B. Spilsbury, sailed from Kingston in Sir James Yeo's fleet; on May 1, 1815, she was reported as 'laid up' and housed in Navy bay, Kingston; launched at Kingston, U.C., July 1809.

NIDDERY; islands, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; the Nidd is a small river in Yorkshire, Eng. and its valley is called Nidderdale; possibly Niddery is a corruption of the latter; possibly after a gunboat on Great lakes, war of 1812-14.

NIMROD; island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after a gunboat, war of 1812-14.

O'CONOR; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Commander Sir Richard James Lawrence O'Conor, R.N.; Flag Captain of *Prince Regent* on L. Ontario, May 9, 1814; present at Oswego; commanded *Princess Charlotte*, Sept., 1814; K.C.H., 1835; retired Rear-Admiral, 1846.

OTTY; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut. Allen Otty, R.N., who commanded the *Star* (14) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14; commanded *Montreal* and *Charwell* during 1816 and 1817; retired Captain, 1856.

OWEN; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Captain Charles Cunliffe (q.v.) Owen, R.N.; probably after Commodore Sir E. W. C. R. Owen, R.N., who in 1815, commanded the naval forces on L. Champlain and the Great Lakes.

PEEL; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir Robert Peel (1788-1850), a noted English statesman; Secretary for Ireland, 1812-18; Prime Minister, 1834-35 and 1841-46.

PITCHPINE; island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably from the occurrence on the island of the pitchpine (*Pinus Banksiana*).

POPHAM; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain Stephen Popham, R.N. (1780-1842); was in the *Orion* (74) in the expedition against Copenhagen; in the *Montreal* (32) assisted at the capture of Oswego, 1814.

PRINCE ALFRED; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after the late Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh (1844-1900), second son of Queen Victoria.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; in May, 1814, the *Princess Charlotte*, frigate (42), commanded by Capt. Wm. Howe Mulcaster, formed part of Sir James Yeo's fleet; launched at Kingston, U.C., Apr. 14, 1814.

PSYCHE; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Psyche* (32), on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14; her frames were sent out from England; launched at Kingston, Dec. 25, 1814.

RAMSDEN; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Jesse Ramsden (1735-1800), an English manufacturer of mathematical instruments and the inventor of an improved eye-piece, known as 'Ramsden's eye-piece.'

RICH; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Captain Charles Rich, R.N.; entered Navy, 1801; in 1814 appointed to *St. Lawrence* (102) as Flag-Lieutenant to Sir E. W. C. R. Owen on Great lakes; May 24, 1815, appointed to command of gunboats on the St. Lawrence; Commander, 1816; Captain, 1838.

ROBINSON; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Hon. Fred. John Robinson (1782-1859), Lord of the Admiralty, 1810-12; Viscount Goderich, 1827; Earl of Ripon, 1833.

ROBERT; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir Robert Peel (q.v.).

ROLLESTON; island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut. James Rolleston, R.N.; b. 1781; entered Navy, 1804; present in *Pompée* (74) at defence of Gaeta, capture of Capri, battle of Maida, 1806, &c.; served in *Perseus* in Mediterranean, Newfoundland, Halifax, &c., 1813-16.

ROWLEY; island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Lieutenant Edward Rowley, R.N., who served on the Great lakes (or L. Champlain) in the war of 1812-14.

ROYAL; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably from proximity to Prince Alfred island (q.v.); possibly after the *Royal George*, later the *Niagara* (q.v.).

ST. LAWRENCE; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after the *St. Lawrence*, ship of the line, 2,305 tons, 102 guns; launched at Kingston, U.C., Sept. 10, 1814.

SCORPION; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont.; after the *Scorpion*, formerly the U.S.S. *Surprise*, captured on lake Huron, Sept. 6, 1814.

SHEAFFE; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after General Sir Roger H. Sheaffe (1763-1851) who assumed command of forces at Queenston after the death of Brock; was Administrator of Upper Canada, 1812-13.

Sherbrooke, islands, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir John Coape Sherbrooke (1764-1830), Governor General of Canada in 1816.

Simcoe; island, west of Wolfe island, Frontenac, Ont.; after Lieut.-Gen. John Graves Simcoe, (1752-1806), first Governor of Upper Canada, 1791-96; had extensive surveys made and encouraged immigration, particularly of United Empire Loyalists.

Sisters; islands, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; so-called from their resemblance to each other.

Skelton; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Bvt. Major Henry Skelton, 19th L.D., appointed Major of Brigade in Canada, Aug. 25, 1813.

Sparrow; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major E. P. Sparrow, 61st Regt., appointed Ass't Adjutant General in Canada, Aug. 26, 1814.

Spectacles; islands (2), St. Lawrence river, Pittsburgh, Frontenac, Ont.; so-called from their relative position and shape.

Spilsbury, island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; after Capt. Francis Brockell Spilsbury, R.N.; in command of schooner *Melville* on L. Ontario Aug. 16, 1813; commanded the *Beresford* at Sacketts Harbour; was present in actions off Burlington, Sept. 28, 1813, and at French Creek, Nov. 1, 1813; captain commanding *Niagara*, May 20, 1814; present at Oswego, May 6, 1814.

Stovin; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; after Major General Richard Stovin, commanded Montreal district during war of 1812-14; was present at Fort Erie sortie.

The Punts; islands, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; from position in Lake Fleet group and a vicinity of Gig (q.v.), Barge, &c., islands.

Troughton; island, Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Troughton and Simms, famous instrument manufacturers, London, Eng.

Twin Sisters; islands, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; from their striking resemblance to each other.

Van Buren; island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds, Ont.; possibly after Martin Van Buren, (1782-1862), eighth President of the United States.

Vansittart; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Vice-Admiral Vansittart; he was present at the capture of Cape of Good Hope; came to Canada in 1834 and settled near Woodstock, Ont. In 1812 the Right Hon. Nicholas Vansittart was Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Victoria; island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Her Majesty Queen Victoria (1819-1901).

Wallace; island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Thomas Wallace, Baron Wallace of Knaresdale, (1768-1844), in February 1812 Lord of the Admiralty 1797-1800; sometime M.P. for Penryhyn; 1814, mar. Jane, dau. of John, 2nd Earl of Hopetoun and widow of Henry, 1st Viscount Melville.

Willoughby; island, St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; probably after Commander James Bourchier Willoughby, R.N.; entered Navy 1836; served as mate on the *Niagara* (20), Captain Williams Sandom, on the Great lakes; Lieutenant 1842 on the *Illustrious*, N.A. and W.I. station; 1845-48 in *Mohawk* and *Cherokee* on the Great lakes; received thanks of Royal Humane Society 1857, for rescuing crew of vessel wrecked on Pigeon I., lake Ontario.

Yorke; island, Admiralty group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Rt. Hon. Chas. Philip Yorke, 2nd son of Philip, 2nd Earl of Hardwicke; First Lord of the Admiralty 1811; b. 1764.

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PLACE NAMES —THOUSAND ISLANDS

Most of the islands composing the group known as the 'Thousand Islands' have been named after officers and others who have distinguished themselves particularly in the war of 1812-14. As these names have been given to commemorate their efforts to preserve Canada for the British empire, it is only fitting that the information be published in connected and permanent form that will ensure the recognition to which they are entitled.

The following notes have been compiled by Mr James White from various sources, but largely from the following —

Irving's 'Officers of the British Forces in Canada, 1812-15'

James' 'Naval Actions between Great Britain and the United States'

And from information, MSS supplied by the Admiralty Dr Doughty, Lieut. Col. Cruikshank and Mr L. Homfray Irving.

ADELAIDE island St. Lawrence river, Yonge, Leeds Ont; probably after Queen Adelaide (Amelia Adelaide Louise Theresa Caroline) 1792-1849, princess of Saxe-Coburg-Meiningen and queen of England, wife of the Duke of Clarence, (later William IV) whom she married July 13, 1818.

ADMIRALTY, group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont; after the governing body of the British navy; some of the islands in the group are named after Lords of the Admiralty.

AMHERST, island L. Ontario, Addington Ont., after Field Marshal Jeffrey Amherst (1717-97) Baron Amherst; commanded the British forces during the capture of Louisburg, C.B., July 26, 1758; appointed Governor-General of British North America in 1760.

[illegible], island St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds Ont; probably after a gunboat, on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

AXEMAN, island Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds Ont; after the *Axeman*, a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

BAGOT, island, St Lawrence river Yonge, Leeds, Ont., after Sir Charles Bagot, 1781-1843; negotiated with Rush agreement between Great Britain and United States respecting limitation of vessels of war on the Great lakes; Governor-General of Canada, 1841-43.

BARGE, island Lake Fleet group St. Lawrence river Leeds, Leeds, Ont; name suggested by its position in the group named after the fleet on the Great lakes in 1812-14 and by proximity to 'Gig' 'The Punts' and 'Jolly' islands.

BATTERSBY, island, Brock group, St Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont; probably after Lieut.-Col F Battersby, who, on Feb 6, 1812, was in command of the Glengarry Light Infantry.

BAUMGARDT, island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds Ont.; on May 1 1816, Capt W A Baumgardt R.N. commanded the Lake Champlain fleet, consisting of the flagship *Champlain* and ten gunboats, 2 long guns each.

BELABOURER, island Lake Fleet group St Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont; probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

BLOODLETTER, island Lake Fleet group St Lawrence river, Leeds Leeds Ont., probably after gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-15.

BOUCHIER, island Navy group, St Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds Ont; on May 1 1816 Capt Wm Bouchier R.N. commanded the Lake Erie fleet consisting of the *Newash* (4), *Tecumseh* (4), *Sauk* (1) and *Huron* (1).

BROCK, group St Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds Ont; after Major Gen Sir Isaac Brock (1769-1812); in 1810, appointed to command of troops in Upper Canada and later was provisional Lieut. Gov. of the

NOTE.—[illegible], Belabourer, Bloodletter, Camelot, Deathdealer and Dumfounder islands are stated as probably after gunboats on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14, but there is very little doubt that there were one-gun gunboats bearing these names stationed on the St Lawrence and lake Ontario though no definite evidence is procurable.

province; captured Detroit and General Hull's army Aug 16, 1812; killed at the battle of Queenston Heights.

CANNON, island Lake Fleet group St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont; probably after gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

CARNEGIE, island St Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds Ont; possibly after Capt Hon Swynfen Thomas Carnegie R.N.; b Mar 3, 1813; youngest son of William, seventh Earl of Northesk; in command of *Orestes* (18) and *Devastation* on the N.A. and W.I. station, 1842; M.P., 1841; Lord of the Treasury, 1846.

CEDAR, island St. Lawrence river near Kingston, Frontenac, Ont; from the cedar trees on it.

CHICHESTER, island, St. Lawrence river, Escott, Leeds Ont; probably named after Lieut Col Sir Charles Chichester (1795-1847); in 1826 he was major in the 2nd battalion of the 89th, then serving in America.

CLEOPATRA, island St. Lawrence river Escott, Leeds Ont; after the *Cleopatra* (2) gunboat on the St Lawrence during the war of 1812-14.

COCKBURN, island St Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont; after Admiral Sir George Cockburn R.N., (1772-1853); actively engaged in war of 1812-14; was present at taking of Washington.

COLLIER, island Navy group St Lawrence river Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont; after Commander later Vice-Admiral, Sir Edward Collier R.N., (1783-1872); entered Navy 1796; commanded *Princess Charlotte*, 16th Nov., 1813; present at Oswego where he commanded the *Magnet*; Post-Captain, 15th November, 1814; appointed to superintend the building of a frigate at Penetanguishene; returned to England, 1815; Vice-Admiral 1857; K.C.B., 1865.

CONRAN, island, Brock group St Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont; after Major-General Henry Conran; Ensign in 49th Reg't Oct 4, 1789; Lieut Col of 1st Reg't 1807; Lieut. General 1835; appointed to command brigade (6th and 82nd) in Upper Canada, June 11 1814; Lieut Gov of Jamaica, 1826; died July 17, 1829 aged 88.

CUNLIFFE, island Navy group, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont; after Capt Chas. Cunliffe Owen, R. N.; entered Navy 1801; Lieutenant 1808; appointed to Great lakes fleet, 1813 as Lieutenant on the *Wolfe*; Lieutenant commanding the *Sir Sidney Smith* in action of Sept. 28, 1813; present at French Creek, Nov 1 1813; appointed acting Commander Gunboat Establishment, Mar. 28, 1814, vice Mulcaster promoted; invalided Mar 1815; retired Captain Feb 24, 1852.

DEATHDEALER, island, Lake Fleet group St Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont; probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

DE ROTTENBURG, island, Brock group St Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds Ont; after Major General Francis, Baron de Rottenburg, K.C.H.; in 1812 appointed to command of troops in Montreal district; in 1813 to command of troops in Upper Canada and as Administrator of the province 1814 and 1815 commanded left division of the army in Canada; Lieut-General 1819; d April 24, 1832.

DEWATTEVILLE, island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont; after Major General Abraham Louis Charles de Watteville; on Army Staff in 1812-14; went on half pay, 1836.

DINGEY, island Lake Fleet group St. Lawrence river, Leeds Ont; so-called from position in group, principal islands in which are named after vessels and also from proximity to "Barge," "Gig," &c. islands.

DOBBS, island St Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont; after Lieut Alex T Dobbs R.N.; May 25, 1813, promoted from Lieut of *Wolfe* (23) to acting-commander of *Moira* (10); promoted to Commander Feb 14, 1814; commanded *Charwell* (formerly *Moira*) at Oswego; later commanded *Star* (14) and was moving spirit in capture of *Ohio* and *Somers* on L. Erie.

DOWNIE, island Navy group St Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds Ont; after Commander George Downie, R.N.; transferred from command of *Montreal* on L. Ontario to command of *Confiance* on L. Champlain; killed in action on L. Champlain, Sept 11, 1814.

DUMFOUNDER, island Lake Fleet group, St Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont; probably after a gunboat on the Great lakes during the war of 1812-14.

ENDYMION, island Lake Fleet group, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds Ont; after the *Endymion* a gunboat on the Great lakes in 1812-14.

EVERARD, island, Brock group, St Lawrence, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont; after Captain H. B. Everard, Lieut 6th Reg't; appointed Deputy-Assistant Adjutant-General on Army Staff in Canada, Oct. 25, 1814.

FIDDLERS ELBOW, channel, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds Ont; so-called because the channel makes a very sharp turn at this point.

FISHER, island Brock group, St Lawrence river, Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont; probably after Commander Peter Fisher R.N. who was transferred Aug 29 1814 from command of *Confiance* on L. Champlain to the *Montreal* at Kingston.

FORT WALLACE, island Lake Fleet group, St Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds Ont; see Wallace island.

GATES, island St. Lawrence river, Pittsburgh, Frontenac, Ont; after W Gates, sometime owner of the island.

GIG island Lake Fleet group St Lawrence river Leeds Leeds, Ont ; after ship's boat, name suggested by position in group named after fleet on Great lakes 1812-14

GORDON island, St. Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne, Leeds Ont ; possibly after Commander James Alexander Gordon R.N only son of Rear-Admiral Sir Jas A Gordon K C B ; entered Navy 1826 Lieut (add'l) on *Niagara* (22), Capt Williams Sandom, on the Great lakes, Sept 17 1838 d 1847

GOULBOURN island, St Lawrence river Yonge, Leeds, Ont ; after Henry Goulbourn (1784-1856) ; in 1814, as Under Secretary of State for the Colonies, signed the Treaty of Ghent on behalf of Great Britain

GRENADIER island, St Lawrence river Leeds Ont.; after the famous British Grenadier regiment

HAMBLY island Navy group St Lawrence river Lansdowne, Leeds Ont ; on May 1 1816. Capt P A Hambly R.N commanded the naval force on L Huron consisting of the *Surprise* (1) and *Confiance* (2).

HAMILTON island St Lawrence river Leeds, Ont ; probably after Henry Hamilton, Lieutenant-Governor of Canada for one year 1785

HARVEY island Brock group, St. Lawrence river Elizabethtown Leeds Ont ; after Lieut Gen Sir John Harvey (1778-1852) ; in 1812 appointed Deputy Adjutant General to the army in Canada ; took part in actions at Black Rock Dec 30, 1813 Oswego Lundy's Lane Fort Erie and Stoney Creek, 1813 ; was Governor of New Brunswick of Newfoundland and of Nova Scotia 1846-52 K C B 1838 Lieut General 1842 d, 1852

HICKEY island Navy group St Lawrence river Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont. ; after Commander F Hickey R N ; commanded the *Prince Regent* (58) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14

HORSESHOE island west of Wolfe Island, Frontenac Ont. ; so-called because the outline of the island resembles a horseshoe

HOWE island, St Lawrence river Frontenac Ont ; after General William Howe fifth Viscount Howe (1729 1814) ; led the forlorn hope of 24 men who forced the entrenched path by which Wolfe's force scaled the heights of Abraham Sept 13, 1759 ; in 1775 succeeded Gage as Commander in Chief in America ; commanded at Bunker Hill, 1775 and gained victories of Long Island and White Plains (1776) Brandywine and Germantown (1777)

INGALL island, St Lawrence river, Yonge Leeds Ont ; probably after Lieut. Ingall who, in 1829 made an exploration of the country between the St. Maurice and Saguenay

JOHNSON bay Howe island St Lawrence river Frontenac Ont ; probably named after Major General Sir John Johnson, only son of the famous General Sir William Johnson ; commanded a regiment of two battalions during the Revolutionary war ; later, Superintendent General of Indian Affairs in Canada ; died 1830

LAKE FLEET group St Lawrence river, Leeds and Lansdowne Leeds Ont. ; so-called because a number of the islands composing the group are named after vessels that formed the British fleet on the Great lakes and on L. Champlain during the war of 1812-14.

LYNEDOCH island, St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds Ont ; after Gen Thomas Graham Lord Lynedoch (1748-1843) ; next in command to Wellington in Peninsular war and distinguished himself at Barossa Ciudad Rodrigo Vittoria, &c

McCOY island Brock group St. Lawrence river Elizabethtown Leeds Ont. ; in Oct. 1815, J S McCoy was Master of the *Champlain*, on L Champlain

McNAIR island St Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds Ont ; after Col McNair commanding the 90th Reg't during the war of 1812-14.

MELVILLE island, Admiralty group St. Lawrence river Leeds Leeds Ont ; after Robert Saunders Dundas, second Viscount Melville (1771 1851) ; in 1812 appointed first Lord of the Admiralty which office he held for fifteen years.

MERMAID island Admiralty group St Lawrence river Leeds, Leeds Ont ; after the *Mermaid* a gunboat on the Great lakes during 1812-14.

MULCASTER island, Navy group, St. Lawrence river Lansdowne, Leeds Ont ; after Captain Sir Wm Howe Mulcaster (1785-1837) ; in Mar. 1813 was appointed in command the *Princess Charlotte* ; commanded at French Creek, Nov 1 1813 ; commanded *Royal George* and severely wounded at Oswego May 6, 1814 ; invalided 1814 Post Captain, 1815 ; C B , 1815 ; knighted 1831.

MURRAY island St Lawrence river Elizabethtown Leeds, Ont. ; after Lieut.-Col John Murray 100th Reg't ; appointed Inspecting Field Officer in Lower Canada July 16, 1811 ; commanded attacks on Fort George and Fort Niagara (wounded) ; later C. B and Lieut General ; died Feb 21 1832.

MYERS island, St Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds Ont. ; after Lieut.-Col Christopher Myers 70th Reg't, Acting Quartermaster General Army Staff in Canada Aug 15-Oct 30 1812 ; in command at Kingston Apr 22 1813, wounded at Fort George May 27 1813 ; Colonel 1814; C B 1815 ; died 1817

NAVY group St Lawrence river, Leeds Ont ; so-called because a number of the islands composing the group are named after naval officers who distinguished themselves during the war of 1812-14

NEEDLES EYE island Brock group St Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds Ont ; so called from narrow steamboat channel between the island and mainland

NETLEY island Lake Fleet group St. Lawrence river Leeds, Leeds Ont; after the *Netley* (12) schooner—formerly the *General Beresford*—launched at York, U.C., July 1812; in May 1814 carried only 4 guns, was commanded by Lieut Spence and formed part of the L. Ontario fleet.

NIAGARA island, Lake Fleet group St. Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds Ont; in May, 1814, the *Niagara* (22)—formerly the *Royal George*—340 tons commanded by Capt F. H. Spilsbury sailed from Kingston in Sir James Yeo's fleet; on May 7 1816 she was reported as laid up and housed in Navy bay, Kingston; launched at Kingston, U.C., July 1809.

NIDDERY islands, St. Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds, Ont.; the Nidd is a small river in Yorkshire, Eng and its valley is called Nidderdale; possibly Niddery is a corruption of the latter; possibly after a gunboat on Great lakes war of 1812-14.

NIPPER island, St. Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds Ont; probably after a gunboat, war of 1812-14.

O'CONOR island, Navy group St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne Leeds Ont; after Commander Sir Richard James Lawrence O'Connor R.N. Flag Captain of *Prince Regent* on L. Ontario May 6 1814; present at Oswego; commanded *Princess Charlotte* Sept 1814; K.C.H. 1836; retired Rear-Admiral 1846.

OTTY island Navy group St Lawrence river Leeds Ont; after Lieut Allen Otty R.N. who commanded the *Star* (14) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14; commanded *Montreal* and *Charwell* during 1816 and 1817; retired Captain 1838.

OWEN island Navy group St. Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds Ont.; possibly after Captain Charles Cunliffe (q.v.) Owen R.N.; probably after Commodore Sir E. W. C. R. Owen R.N. who, in 1816 commanded the naval forces on L. Champlain and the Great Lakes.

PEEL island, St. Lawrence river Yonge Leeds Ont; after Sir Robert Peel (1788-1850) a noted English statesman; Secretary for Ireland 1812-18; Prime Minister 1834-35 and 1841-46.

PITCHPINE island Admiralty group St. Lawrence river Leeds Leeds, Ont; probably from the occurrence on the island of the pitchpine (*Pinus rigida*).

POPHAM island, Navy group, St Lawrence river, Lansdowne Leeds, Ont; after Captain Stephen Popham, R.N. (1780-1842) was in the *Orion* (74) in the expedition against Copenhagen; in the *Montreal* (22) assisted at the capture of Oswego 1814.

PRINCE ALFRED island, Brock group St. Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont; probably after the late Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh (1844-1900), second son of Queen Victoria.

PRINCESS CHARLOTTE, island, Lake Fleet group, St Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds Ont; in May the *Princess Charlotte* frigate (42) commanded by Capt. Wm Howe Mulcaster formed part of Sir James Yeo's fleet; launched at Kingston, U.C. Apr 14, 1814.

PSYCHE island, Lake Fleet group St Lawrence river Leeds, Leeds Ont; after the *Psyche* (32) on L. Ontario during war of 1812-14, her frames were sent out from England; launched at Kingston Dec 25, 1814.

RAMSDEN island Lake Fleet group St. Lawrence river Leeds Leeds, Ont; probably after Jesse Ramsden (1735-1800) an English manufacturer of mathematical instruments and the inventor of an improved eye-piece, known as Ramsden's eye-piece.

RICH island, Navy group St Lawrence river, Lansdowne Leeds Ont; after Captain Charles Rich, R.N. entered Navy 1801; in 1814 appointed to *St. Lawrence* (102) as Flag Lieutenant to Sir E. W. C. R. Owen on Great lakes; Mar 26 1815 appointed to command of gunboats on the St Lawrence; Commander 1826; Captain 1838.

ROBINSON island, St. Lawrence river Yonge, Leeds, Ont; possibly after Hon. Fred John Robinson (1782-1859) Lord of the Admiralty 1810-12; Viscount Goderich 1827; Earl of Ripon 1833.

ROBERT island, St Lawrence river Yonge, Leeds, Ont.; after Sir Robert Peel (q.v.)

ROLLESTON island, St. Lawrence river Escott, Leeds, Ont.; after Lieut James Rolleston, R.N. b. 1791; entered Navy 1804; present in *Pompée* (74) at defence of Gaeta, capture of Capri, battle of Maida 1806 &c; served in *Perseus* in Mediterranean, Newfoundland, Halifax &c 1813-18.

ROWLEY island Navy group St Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont; probably after Lieutenant Edward Rowley R.N. who served on the Great lakes (or L. Champlain) in the war of 1812-14.

ROYAL island, Brock group, St. Lawrence river Elizabethtown Leeds Ont; probably from proximity to Prince Alfred island (q.v.); possibly after the *Royal George*, later the *Niagara* (q.v.)

ST LAWRENCE island, Lake Fleet group St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont; after the *St Lawrence* ship of the line 2305 tons, 102 guns; launched at Kingston, U.C. Sept. 10, 1814.

SCORPION island Lake Fleet group St Lawrence river, Leeds, Ont; after the *Scorpion*, formerly the U.S.S. *Surprise* captured on lake Huron, Sept 6 1814.

SHEAFFE island, Brock group St. Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds Ont; after General Sir Roger H. Sheaffe (1763-1851) who assumed command of forces at Queenston after the death of Brock; was Administrator of Upper Canada, 1812-13.

Sherbrooke islands, St. Lawrence river Lansdowne Leeds Ont.; after Sir John Coape Sherbrooke (1764-1830) Governor General of Canada in 1816

Simcoe island west of Wolfe island, Frontenac, Ont; after Lieut Gen John Graves Simcoe, (1752-1806) first Governor of Upper Canada, 1791-96 had extensive surveys made and encouraged immigration, particularly of United Empire Loyalists

Sisters islands, St Lawrence river Leeds, Leeds Ont. so-called from their resemblance to each other

Shelton island Brock group St Lawrence river Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont after Bvt. Major Henry Shelton, 79th L.D., appointed Major of Brigade in Canada, Aug 22, 1813

Sparrow island Brock group St Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds, Ont; after Major E P Sparrow 61st Regt, appointed Ass't Adjutant General in Canada, Aug 21 1814

Spectacles islands (2), St. Lawrence river Pittsburgh Frontenac Ont so-called from their relative position and shape.

Spilsbury island Navy group St. Lawrence river Lansdowne, Leeds, Ont after Capt. Francis Brockell Spilsbury, R N., in command of schooner *Melville* on L Ontario Aug 10, 1813 commanded the *Beresford* at Sacketts Harbour was present in actions off Burlington Sept 28, 1813, and at French Creek Nov 1 1813 Captain commanding Niagara May 21 1814 present at Oswego, May 6 1814

Stovin island Brock group St. Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds Ont after Major General Richard Stovin commanded Montreal district during war of 1812-14; was present at Fort Erie sortie

The Fours islands Lake Fleet group St. Lawrence river Leeds Leeds, Ont from position in Lake Fleet group and in vicinity of Gig (q v) Barge, &c islands

Troughton island, Lake Fleet group, St Lawrence river Leeds Leeds Ont after Troughton and Simms famous instrument manufacturers, London, Eng

Twin Sisters islands, Brock group, St Lawrence river Elizabethtown, Leeds Ont from their striking resemblance to each other

Van Buren island St. Lawrence river Escott, Leeds Ont probably after Martin Van Buren (1782-1862) eighth President of the United States

Vansittart island, St Lawrence river Yonge Leeds Ont. probably after Vice-Admiral Vansittart he was present at the capture of Cape of Good Hope came to Canada in 1834 and settled near Woodstock, Ont In 1821 the Right Hon Nicholas Vansittart was Chancellor of the Exchequer

Victoria island, Brock group St Lawrence river Elizabethtown Leeds, Ont probably after Her Majesty Queen Victoria (1819-1901)

Wallace; island St. Lawrence river, Lansdowne Leeds Ont, probably after Thomas Wallace Baron Wallace of Knaresdale (1768-1844) on February 1828 Lord of the Admiralty 1797-1800 sometime M P for Penryhyn 1814, mar Jane, dau of John 2nd Earl of Hopetown and widow of Henry 1st Viscount Melville

Willoughby; island, St. Lawrence river Yonge Leeds Ont, probably after Commander James Beautine Willoughby, R.N entered Navy 1830 served as mate on the *Niagara* (20) Captain Williams Sandom on the Great lakes Lieutenant 1841, on the *Illustrious* N A and W I station 1845-46 in Mohawk and Cherokee on the Great lakes received thanks of Royal Humane Society 1867, for rescuing crew of vessel wrecked on Pigeon I lake Ontario.

Yorke island Admiralty group St Lawrence river, Leeds, Leeds, Ont.; after Rt. Hon Chas Philip Yorke 2nd son of Philip 2nd Earl of Hardwicke First Lord of the Admiralty 1811; b 1764.

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